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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claim as follows:

7. (Once Amended) A method for providing at least one benefit to buyer entities with a serious intent to purchase a good or service, comprising the steps of:

receiving from a buyer entity a declaration of intent to purchase a good or service;

providing to the buyer entity an offer of benefits whose value is partly or fully contingent on receipt of a proof of said purchase within a predetermined period of time and whose value is not contingent on fulfillment of the requirement that the purchase be made from one particular predetermined manufacturer;

receiving said proof of purchase from the buyer entity; and

providing the value of said contingent benefits to the buyer entity.